

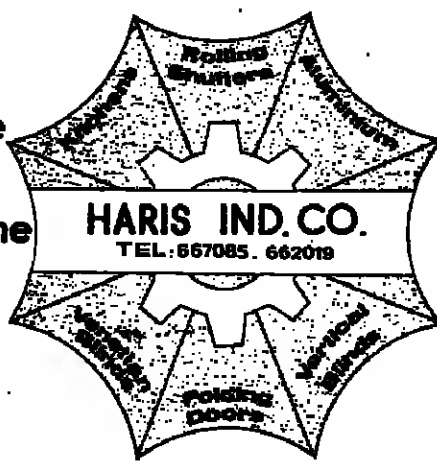
Egyptian premier heads for U.S.

CAIRO (AP) — Prime Minister Kamal Hassan Ali left Monday for a one-week official visit in Washington. Shortly before his departure, Mr. Ali met with President Hosni Mubarak and later told journalists they discussed efforts to bring peace to the Middle East and the problem of world terrorism. He said both subjects would be featured in his talks with American officials. Mr. Ali also said he hopes seven American hostages in Beirut will be released. "There is a chance for the release of the seven American hostages in exchange for a break of the American boycott of Beirut airport," the Middle East News Agency quoted Mr. Ali as saying. He was responding to a question whether Egypt will ask the United States to back off from its boycott of Beirut airport and its call to other countries to do likewise because of the facility's inadequate security procedures.

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West German delegation arrives

AMMAN (Petra) — A West German delegation arrived here Monday for talks with Ministry of Planning officials on the distribution of West German aid to Jordan for the year 1985. The delegation, led by the head of the Middle East, Central Europe and Asia Department at the West German Cooperation Ministry, will also discuss proposed projects covered in a DM 26 million technical aid programme and a DM 70 million capital aid programme for the next two years. Preliminary talks between the Jordanian and West German governments were held in last March on the distribution of this year's technical aid which includes projects in the health and agricultural fields as well as experts in electricity and supply and experts to the Royal Scientific Society (RSS).

Resistance increasing, Israeli official admits

AMMAN (Petra) — Resistance to the Israeli occupation of the West Bank and Gaza has escalated, according to Israeli sources quoted by the Jerusalem Post. The newspaper quoted the sources as saying that a marked increase in resistance attacks were noticed during the month of June. Thirty-four bomb attacks, carried out mostly by locally made explosives, were registered in June, they said.

Soviets honour Talhouli

AMMAN (J.T.) — Bahjat Al Talhouli, president of the Soviet-Jordanian Friendship Society, Monday received a car presented to him by the Soviet Friendship and Cultural Societies Union. Soviet Ambassador to Jordan Alexander Zinchuk, on behalf of the union, presented the car to Mr. Talhouli in a ceremony attended by members of the society, the director of the Soviet Cultural Centre in Amman and Soviet embassy officials. They later attended a reception hosted by the society at the Regency Palace Hotel.

Iraqi oil to flow through Saudi pipeline next month

NICOSIA (AP) — Iraq is to start exporting half a million barrels of oil daily through a pipeline to Saudi Arabia next month, the weekly Middle East Economic Survey (MEES) oil review reported Monday. MEES said this was revealed to it in an interview with "a senior Iraqi oil official," whom it did not name.

Dutch consul robbed in Beirut

BEIRUT (R) — Dutch Consul Jacob Hoppe said Monday he was robbed of his car, money and private papers in Beirut over the weekend. Mr. Hoppe, due to end his assignment in Lebanon next Friday, said he was driving in the mainly Muslim western sector when his successor, Hans Moller, when two men with pistols stopped them and ordered them to drive to the city stadium near the southern suburbs.

Japanese foreign minister arrives

Abe to hold talks with Rifai and Arafat

AMMAN (J.T.) — Japanese Foreign Minister Shintaro Abe arrived here Monday on a three-day visit to Jordan during which he is expected to hold talks with senior Jordanian officials on the Middle East conflict and joint Jordanian-Palestinian moves for a just settlement to the Palestinian problem.

Mr. Abe, who is heading a high-powered delegation to the talks, is scheduled to meet Prime Minister Zaid Rifai, Foreign Minister Taher Al Masri and other senior officials, the Jordanian News Agency, Petra, said.

He also is expected to meet Arafat, who is also expected to cover Jordanian-Japanese relations and ways to boost cooperation between the two countries, Petra said.

Mr. Abe is also expected to meet PLO Chairman Yasser Arafat on Tuesday, informed sources told the Jordan Times. Mr.

Mr. Abe, who arrived here on the first leg of a three-day visit which will take him to Saudi Arabia and Syria, was received at the airport by Mr. Masri, senior Foreign Ministry officials, the Japanese ambassador to Jordan and embassy officials.

Japan has been a constant supporter of the Arab cause in various international forums and Mr. Abe's talks here are expected to cover joint Jordanian-Palestinian moves in the international scene for a just solution to the Pal-

estian problem. Jordan and the PLO are seeking an international conference on the Middle East to work out a peace solution. Japanese diplomats have said Japan supported such a conference of all parties to the conflict, including the five permanent members of the Security Council and the PLO.

Japan has, on several occasions, called for Israeli withdrawal from the occupied territories and supported the creation of a Palestinian state there. Though Japan does not recognise the PLO as the sole legitimate representative of the Palestinian people, the PLO maintains an office in Tokyo. The office is housed within the Arab League office in Tokyo.

Mr. Abe made no statement to reporters on arrival at Queen Alia International Airport. Japanese embassy officials said earlier he hoped to discuss bilateral relations and efforts for peace in the Middle East while in the region.



Japanese Foreign Minister Shintaro Abe (second left), who arrived Monday on a three-day official visit, is received upon arrival by Foreign Minister Taher Al Masri (second right), senior Foreign Ministry officials and the Japanese ambassador to Jordan (Petra photo)

Karami orders militiamen to quit W. Beirut streets

BEIRUT (R) — Lebanese Prime Minister Rashid Karami Monday ordered militia groups to quit the streets of Beirut by 6.00 a.m. (0300 GMT) Tuesday, after Syrian army officers joined a high-powered west Beirut peace committee.

Taking a tough line after five Syrians arrived to back efforts to restore order in the mostly Muslim sector, Mr. Karami said police and troops would strike at any gunman ignoring his deadline "whoever he may be and to whichever faction" he belongs.

The Syrian officers' arrival Sunday night signalled Damascus's backing for efforts to end militia battles and anarchy in west Beirut, in line with a plan agreed

by Syrian and Lebanese Muslim leaders in Damascus last week. Immediately after the Syrians attended the committee's first full session chaired by Mr. Karami, he announced that the plan would go into effect Tuesday morning.

The measures also include a clampdown on all "armed manifestations," the closure of most militia offices and the removal of militia protection from individuals violating the agreement.

Pacification of west Beirut and healing of rifts in allied militia ranks are intended to clear the way for a resumption of a Syrian-backed Muslim-Christian reconciliation process that collapsed last year.

Bni Mr. Karami's ann-

ouncement coincided with renewed fighting on the "green line" dividing west Beirut from the predominantly Christian eastern sector.

Shells hit residential areas south of the city and the main crossings between the two sectors remained closed. There were no immediate reports of casualties.

In west Beirut, police backed by a task force of 300 soldiers will go into the streets early Tuesday to try to stop the gunfights, bombings, armed robberies and murders that have ravaged the city for weeks.

"Internal security forces (police), backed when necessary by

Falashas protest against rabbis

TEL AVIV (R) — Hundreds of Ethiopian Jews are refusing to work or attend Hebrew classes because of demands by Israeli rabbis that they undergo symbolic rites of conversion to Judaism, their leaders said Monday.

Leaders of the black Jews, known as Falashas, told Israel Radio they would strike Tuesday for a third day to protest against a ruling by Israel's two chief rabbis that they undergo a ritual bath as converts to Judaism.

Some 15,000 Falashas have been brought to Israel. Most were flown into the country last year in a secret airlift.

According to Steven Kaplan, an expert on Falasha history at the Hebrew University, the Falashas are upset mostly because they are the first wave of immigrants the rabbinate has required to undergo the symbolic ritual.

The Ethiopians demonstrated Monday outside immigrant absorption centres and refused to attend classes, Israel Radio said.

The rabbinate had said Falasha males would have to undergo a symbolic circumcision ritual by drawing blood, but later dropped the requirement and said the immersion would suffice.

15 injured in police clash with Khartoum protesters

KHARTOUM (R) — About 15 people were injured Monday when police used tear gas and clubs to disperse some 5,000 bank employees demonstrating over demands for an inquiry into alleged corruption at the Central Bank of Sudan, eyewitnesses said.

The clash took place when the crowd tried to reach cabinet headquarters to deliver a note rejecting monetary and financial policies they said were imposed by the International Monetary Fund (IMF) and the World Bank.

The bank employees, who are also demanding price cuts in essential foods, said they would stage a three-day strike to protest at the aggressive attitude of police on Monday.

Ravaged by severe drought and a two-year civil war in the south, Sudan has a total foreign debt of \$9 billion. It owes the IMF \$130 million in arrears and Western economic experts here expect this figure to rise to \$225 million by the end of this year.

The Bank Employees' Union was a pivotal factor in the coalition of professional unions whose members went on a general strike

shortly before President Jaafar Numeiri was ousted by a military coup last April 6.

Union sources said the bank employees had no reply from the caretaker government of Prime Minister Al Gazouli Dafaallah when they told it six days ago of their plans to stage a peaceful demonstration to press their demands.

Instead, three union leaders were summoned Sunday to a meeting with Khartoum's military governor, Major-General Kamal Abbashar, and Police Commissioner Ibrahim Ahmad Abdul Karim who tried to discourage them from going ahead with their plans, the sources said.

They quoted the two officials as saying such action would be treated as a violation of the state of emergency declared by Sudanese leader General Abdul Rahman Swaredhabah shortly after taking over.

Gen. Swaredhabah, trying to stem nation-wide agitation which preceded the coup, has warned that demonstrations and strikes would be dealt with as tantamount to high treason.



Prime Minister Zaid Rifai (right) and Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) Chairman Yasser Arafat hold talks Monday in a meeting attended by Deputy Prime Minister Abdul Wahab Al Majali (not seen in photo), PLO Deputy Military Commander Khalil Al Wazir (left) and PLO Executive Committee member Abdul Razak Al Yahya (Petra photo)

9 killed in suicide attack at SLA post

BEIRUT (Agencies) — Two members of the Israeli-backed South Lebanon Army (SLA) and seven Lebanese were killed in a suicide attack at the entrance to Israel's self-styled "security zone" in South Lebanon and Beirut Television said the kamikaze driver was a member of the "pro-Syrian Baath Party."

The television station showed a pre-recorded video tape of a man dressed in army fatigues and identified as 23-year-old Hitham Abbas, a Lebanese citizen, bidding farewell to his friends and family before carrying out the attack.

"I wish I could live twice, in order to come back and give my life again for the sake... of my country," said the man. He was filmed with one picture of Syrian President Hafez Al Assad standing on his table and another on the wall behind him.

The station said Abbas joined the Baath Party, which has strong ties with Syria's ruling Baath Party, in 1982. A year later he entered the "national resistance", an umbrella term for groups opposed to Israel and its Lebanese client militias.

In Tel Aviv, an Israeli military source said the attack on a checkpoint of the SLA near the village of Kfar Tibnit killed two men of the pro-Israeli militia and seven Lebanese civilians.

Saying he hoped his operation would succeed in killing the biggest number of Israeli "possible," the man appearing in Monday's video said: "I salute the symbol of resistance in the Arab homeland, the first struggler, Hafez Al Assad."

"I have many colleagues awaiting their turn (to carry out suicide attacks)," he added.

Sources in the south said scores of families fled in panic when SLA men fired blindly on roads around Kfar Tibnit and two nearby villages about 90 minutes after the attack. One man was wounded, they said.

In west Beirut, shots rang out in a traditional salute to martyrdom for a noble cause just after the video was broadcast.

Residents in the south confirmed Israeli reports that the car used in Monday's attack bore international Red Cross markings. West Beirut television said it carried 210 kgs of dynamite.

Israeli sources said the car was completely destroyed by the blast and subsequent fire.

A Red Cross representative in Tel Aviv said he did not know anything about the attack or the involvement of a Red Cross vehicle, but he added that his organisation uses Peugeot 504 cars in Lebanon. The official demanded anonymity.

At about 3:51 p.m. Lebanon local time (1351 GMT), Israeli-supported militiamen at a crossing into the "security zone" asked for identification and the driver "fearing he would be caught, detonated the bomb," said an Israeli military source. He said the victims had been workers or customers at a bakery a few dozen metres from the crossing that was badly damaged by the force of the blast.

Iraqis hit ship in Gulf, attack 2 Iranian towns

BAGHDAD (Agencies) — Iraqi warplanes Monday raided an unidentified ship near Iran's Kharg Island oil export terminal in the Gulf region, a military spokesman said.

The spokesman said the "large maritime target" was raided at 1:25 p.m. (0925 GMT) near Kharg Island which is 180 kilometres southeast of the narrow Iraqi coast in the Gulf region.

The raiding jets "scored a direct and effective hit on the large maritime target and returned safely," said the spokesman.

An Iraqi military parajane, the term "large maritime target" usually refers to a tanker.

But Gulf shipping sources in Bahrain and Dubai said they had no independent confirmation of the attack, and speculated the target could have been Iranian.

The air attack was carried out "in line with Iraq's determination to block the enemy's oil exports," the spokesman said without further elaboration.

The attack was the first since Friday when Iraqi warplanes fired an Exocet missile into the 226,145-ton Turkish supertanker M. Ceyhan near Kharg Island set-

ting it ablaze.

The vessel was hit while carrying oil from Kharg to the Iranian makeshift Sirri Island oil terminal further south, according to the Istanbul-based ship owners.

Iraqi warplanes, last Tuesday, also raided and crippled the Turkish supertanker M. Vatan in the same area while carrying 380,000 tons of crude from Kharg to Sirri. The owner company estimated 20 per cent of the cargo of that vessel lost in the attack.

Both the Turkish ships have been leased to Iran since April to carry crude oil from Kharg to Sirri.

Earlier Monday, Iranian planes bombed an Iraqi army position and two cities in Iran came under artillery fire from Iraq, the official Iranian news agency IRNA said.

The agency said the cities of Khorramshahr and Abadan came under Iraqi artillery fire in the past 24 hours.

The two cities are in Khuzestan province opposite the Iraqi port city of Basra.

The agency did not give an exact location of the Iraqi position reported struck by Iranian jets, but said it was 40 kilometres inside the border in northeastern Iraq.

Committee deplores Kuwait bomb blasts

AMMAN (J.T.) — The Popular Committee for the Support of the Iraqi People's Struggle has denounced last Thursday's bomb attacks in Kuwait that killed eight and injured 89.

The denunciation was contained in a cable the committee sent to the Emir of Kuwait, Sheikh Jaber Al Ahmad Al Sabah.

The committee said in the cable that such acts "contradict with the fundamentals of Islam and human ethics," the Jordanian News Agency, Petra, said.

Pointing out Jordan has always supported Iraq, another Arab country, in its struggle against aggression, the cable reaffirmed the Kingdom's solidarity with Kuwait, Petra said.

The cable bailed Kuwait's refusal to bow down to blackmail and terrorism and Kuwait's determination to continue its national line, Petra said.

His Majesty King Hussein was one of the first Arab leaders to condemn the bomb attacks and express solidarity with Kuwait. All resources and capabilities of Jordan were at the disposal of Kuwait in its hour of need, the King told Sheikh Jaber.

Prime Minister Zaid Rifai and Lower House Parliament Speaker Akel Al Fayez have also condemned the attacks and reaffirmed Jordan's support for and solidarity with Kuwait.

Meanwhile, a key committee in Kuwait's National Assembly has urged tougher penalties for bomb-related offences after the Thursday attacks.

Parliamentary sources told Reuters Monday the legislative committee wants harsher sentences for possession and use of explosives than those envisaged under a draft law submitted by the cabinet to the assembly after a failed

Rifai, Arafat meet for two hours

AMMAN (J.T.) — Prime Minister Zaid Rifai and Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) Chairman Yasser Arafat held two hours of talks Monday, the Jordanian News Agency, Petra, reported.

The talks were attended by Deputy Prime Minister Abdul Wahab Al Majali, PLO Deputy Military Commander Khalil Al Wazir (Abu Jihad) and PLO Executive Committee member Brigadier Abdul Razak Al Yahya, Petra said.

The agency did not give details of the talks.

Reagan recovering

WASHINGTON (R) — President Reagan, who was to learn Monday whether a large growth removed from his intestine was cancerous, was in good condition with his vital signs stable, the White House said Monday.

"The president continues to recover well from his surgery. His condition remains good and vital signs are stable," spokesman Larry Speakes said in a statement.

Speakes, who was expected to give more details on the president's health in a later briefing, said Mr. Reagan had a restful night and slept late Monday morning.

Doctors were to see Mr. Reagan, at 74 the oldest president in U.S. history, Monday morning and then the president would meet White House staff, Speakes said.

Reagan's physicians have called Mr. Reagan's recovery spectacular and said they believe that even if the removed tumour proved cancerous it was unlikely any of the malignancy had spread.

The White House said Sunday night Mr. Reagan's temperature was slightly above normal, but added this was to be expected after major surgery.

Widespread violence erupts in South Africa

JOHANNESBURG (AP) — Anti-apartheid violence broke out in 15 black communities Sunday and early Monday, and one black man was killed in an upsurge of violence, police reported.

A bomb damaged an electricity substation in the Indian Ocean port of Durban Monday morning, causing a fire and cutting power in the neighbourhood. Police said two unexploded limpet mines found nearby were defused.

No injuries were reported and the identity of the saboteurs was not immediately determined. Most incidents of sabotage in South Africa are attributed to the African National Congress, whose guerrillas seek to end white-minority rule and the apartheid system of legal race-segregation.

The South African Press Association reported that stone-throwing pupils in Theunissen, 280 kilometres south of Johannesburg, burned down two schools and damaged several cars. The press association said several students were injured.

A spokesman at national police headquarters in Pretoria said a black man about 30 years old was killed when police fired on a crowd stoning the home of a black policeman in New Brighton, near the Eastern Cape Province industrial city of Port Elizabeth.

The spokesman said four black civilians and four policemen were injured, and 11 blacks were arrested in about 15 incidents of arson and 20 of stone-throwing.

The outbreaks occurred in widely separated parts of the country. Some 450 blacks have been killed in more than 10 months of protests spurred by complaints against inferior black education and government-imposed rent increases, and by underlying opposition to apartheid.

Liberals quit Belgian coalition

BRUSSELS (Agencies) — Belgium's Francophone Liberal Party (PRL) announced Monday it was quitting Prime Minister Wilfried Martens' four-party coalition.

PRL President Louis Michel told reporters the party's remaining ministers would follow the lead of Deputy Prime Minister Jean Gol, their senior man in the government who resigned earlier Monday in protest against the handling of the May 29 European Cup soccer riot. (See page 8).

Mr. Michel, who is also deputy premier, had said he was angered by the failure of an interior minister to resign in the aftermath of the riot in a Brussels soccer stadium that claimed 38 lives.

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Egyptian authorities detain Sheikh Salama

CAIRO (Agencies) — State security authorities have detained Sheikh Hafez Salama, Egypt's most vocal advocate of Islamic Law, and are questioning him about pamphlets allegedly found in his office, one of Sheikh Salama's aides said Monday.

The aide, who asked not to be quoted by name but who is in charge of Al Noor Mosque in central Cairo where Sheikh Salama usually attends Friday prayers, said the elderly cleric was taken into custody in his home town Suez on Saturday night. He said Salama was presently being questioned by state security officials in Cairo.

Spokesmen for the Interior Ministry, which is in charge of Egypt's police forces, were unavailable for comment on the case.

Sheikh Salama emerged last spring as leader of an embryonic movement for immediate implementation of Sharia.

The government so far has prevented marches and other demonstrations by outright bans plus shows of overwhelming force at Al

Nonr Mosque every week during Friday prayers.

Mayo, the Cairo weekly newspaper of the ruling National Democratic Party, reported Monday that security police working on a tip confiscated pamphlets from Sheikh Salama's Al Noor office.

It said the documents were aimed at "urging hatred of country and instigating people against law and order."

On Saturday, Sheikh Salama's lawyer Abdul Halim Ramadan said police had searched the cleric's office on Friday and had detained some 40 of his followers.

That report followed a published statement by Interior Minister Ahmad Rushdy that nobody had been arrested.

Sheikh Salama's aide, who de-

lined to be named, denied that there was any pamphlet in Sheikh Salama's office.

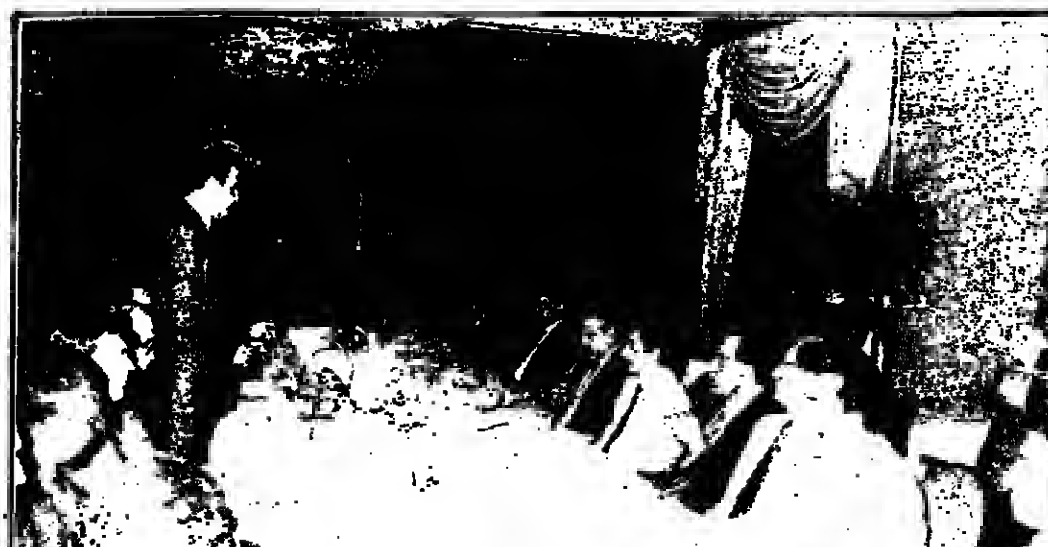
Clashes with Israeli boats

In a different incident Mohammad Bassiouni, Egypt's charge d'affaires in Israel, told Israeli Radio that Egypt's Foreign Ministry will investigate skirmishes between its coastal police and Israeli tourist vessels off Coral Island in the Red Sea.

The island, south of Israel's southernmost tip, was returned to Egypt by Israel after they signed a peace treaty in 1979 that allowed for travel between the two countries.

Israeli tour boats regularly drop anchor near the island so that passengers can swim. But the boats have been involved in clashes recently with Egyptian coastal police.

In an incident on Saturday, a launch withdrew with 20 French tourists aboard after an Egyptian coast guard vessel rammed it and a soldier dubbed the launch's captain, Israeli Radio said.



BANQUET FOR IRAQI ENVOY: Foreign Minister Taher Al Masri Monday hosts a luncheon banquet in honour of Iraqi Ambassador to Jordan Ibrahim Sultani at the end of Mr. Sultani's term in Amman. Mr. Masri praised Mr. Sultani's role in developing and consolidating the brotherly relations between Jordan and Iraq. Mr. Masri also praised Iraq's heroic stand and its steadfastness in the face of dangers on the Eastern Arab front and he expressed hope that peace in the region might soon be realised. Sultani praised Jordan's role in support of Iraq and hailed his Majesty King Hussein's historical stand in support of Iraq. Mr. Masri presented Mr. Sultani with a token present. (Petra photo)

ood largest aid donor after the United States.

Abe sets record for globe-trotting

By Jim Ahrens
Associated Press

TOKYO — As spokesman for Japan's new-found activism in international politics, Foreign Minister Yasuhiro Nakasone in June, Mr. Abe, 61, went to Sweden, East Germany and Poland.

His 30th trip abroad since entering the first cabinet of Prime Minister Yasuhiro Nakasone in November 1982. On last Wednesday, he went to Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, to meet with officials of the Association of South East Asian Nations and then on to Jordan, Syria and Saudi Arabia.

His travels of some 590,000 kilometres have taken him to 38 countries, where over a 201-day period he has spread the word on what he calls Japan's new "creative diplomacy."

While visiting countries formerly beyond Japan's diplomatic range, Mr. Abe has also found time to confer nearly 20 times with U.S. Secretary of State George Shultz, cementing Tokyo's ties with its military partner and major ally.

Foreign Ministry spokesman Yoshio Hatano, in an interview, said Mr. Abe "thinks that as Japan becomes an important economic power of the world, political responsibility and political power is inherent. Japan cannot shy away from this responsibility."

That's the kind of change of outlook from Japan's feudal age, when leaving the country or associating with foreigners was punishable by death, or the more recent post-World War II period when Japan was a diplomatic coney, putting all its energies into rebuilding its shattered economy.

Besides the government's stress on carrying the message abroad — Mr. Nakasone also has visited 22 countries — "creative diplomacy" stresses increasing Japan's economic aid to developing countries.

In 1984, Japan provided \$4.3 billion in official development assistance (ODA), barely average among developed countries in terms of the ratio to gross national product, but probably enough to surpass France as the world's sec-

ond largest aid donor after the United States.

Asia, led by China and India, still receives most of that aid, but the government, in the name of "comprehensive security," also is paying closer attention to the needs of Africa, the Middle East and Central and South America.

Humanitarian aid is the main purpose of increased funding to Africa, Mr. Hatano said, "but at the same time we would like to see Africa not turning to Soviet Russia."

The concept of comprehensive security, introduced by the late Prime Minister Masayoshi Ohira in 1980, posited that Japan, with its weak military, could still contribute to world stability by expanding ODA to and increasing the prosperity of strategically important countries.

Mr. Nakasone, who is unusual among recent Japanese leaders in exercising personal diplomacy, has continued these policies. Mr. Abe, Mr. Nakasone's political rival and a top contender to be the next prime minister, has been a loyal advocate.

Mr. Abe's Foreign Ministry also has attempted to serve as a middleman between the warring nations of Iran and Iraq. Japan depends heavily on oil from the Gulf and has used its good relations with the two nations in a so-far, futile effort to establish a basis for peace.

Iraq's Foreign Minister Tariq Aziz was here in April, and Iran's No. 2 man behind Ayatollah Khomeini, National Assembly Speaker Hashemi Rafsanjani, was here in early July on his first visit to a Western-aligned industrialised state.

Japan's influence in the Middle East, Mr. Hatano said, stems "from the fact that Japan doesn't have any political ambitions. Japan's hands are clean."

Other diplomatic travellers to Japan this year have included 22 presidents, heads of state or foreign ministers, along with a steady stream of dignitaries seeking more economic aid, technological cooperation and improved trade ties.

Israel against talks with Jordanian-Palestinian team

TEL AVIV (R) — Foreign Minister Yitzhak Shamir has expressed Israeli opposition to negotiations between American officials and a joint Jordanian-Palestinian delegation, his spokesman said Monday.

Shamir told a group of American rabbis Sunday night that Israel was particularly concerned about the possibility of Palestinians linked to the Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) taking part in such talks.

"We object to negotiations between a Jordanian-Palestinian delegation and the United States on principle, and all the more so if the Palestinian delegation comprises members of the PLO or

people appointed by the PLO," the spokesman quoted Shamir as saying.

U.S. Under-Secretary of State Richard Murphy is expected to come to Amman later this month to meet a group of Jordanians and Palestinians.

Israel favours direct talks between Jordan and itself, with the participation of non-PLO Palestinians.

"If Jordan wants peace, it must talk directly to us," Shamir said. He repeated Israeli objections to the inclusion of members of the Palestine National Council (PNC) which is closely associated with the PLO.

Arab detainees continue hunger strike in Juneid

AMMAN (Petra) — Arab prisoners at the Juneid detention centre near Nablus, in the occupied West Bank, entered Monday their 13th day of hunger strike against inhuman conditions at the centre, according to news received from the West Bank.

The news said that the prisoners, despite the torture campaign against them, had asserted their determination to continue their strike until their just demands were met.

Saudi minister to visit Bangladesh

JEDDAH, Saudi Arabia (R) — The Saudi Arabian Defence Minister Prince Sultan bin Abdul Aziz has accepted an invitation to visit Bangladesh in December, the Bangladesh embassy has said.

Humayun Rashid Chowdhury, Bangladesh's presidential adviser in charge of foreign affairs, delivered the invitation during talks in the city of Taif, an embassy spokesman reported.

Mr. Chowdhury, who arrived in Saudi Arabia on Friday, also had talks with King Fahd and gave him a message from President Hossein Mohammad Ershad. The king assured him of Saudi cooperation in Dhaka's development efforts, the spokesman said.

One Lebanese charged with TWA hijacking

BEIRUT (R) — A Lebanese public prosecutor has charged one person with hijacking a Trans World Airlines (TWA) airliner to Beirut last month and killing a U.S. Navy diver who was one of the passengers, judicial sources said Monday.

The sources did not name the suspect. Under Lebanese law, hijacking carries a maximum penalty of hard labour for life while a murder conviction could lead to the death sentence.

The sources specified the charges as restriction of passengers' freedom, kidnapping, and the murder of U.S. petty officer Robert Stethem.

He was shot dead in Beirut after gunmen demanding the release of Lebanese prisoners held by Israel commandeered a TWA Boeing 727 with 153 passengers and crew over Athens on June 14, sparking

a 17-day hostage crisis.

Washington has insisted the hijackers be brought to justice and has boycotted Beirut Airport and Lebanon's Middle East Airlines (MEA) until security at the airport is improved.

State-run Beirut Radio last week broadcast, then dropped, a report saying three named Lebanese would be prosecuted for the hijack.

The judicial sources said reports from Athens on the identity of a number of persons possibly linked to the hijacking have been passed on to Lebanese security officials.

The United States says it knows the identity of the hijackers and will make every effort to see that they are brought to justice.

During the hostage crisis, 39 Americans from the hijacked plane were held prisoner before being released on June 30.

Americans routinely advised to leave Lebanon

BEIRUT, Lebanon (AP) — The American embassy in Beirut has been "routinely" advising U.S. citizens to leave Lebanon because of the dangers, including kidnappings, an embassy official said Monday.

"We haven't told them in any formal way or in a circular to leave, but routinely we advise them when we come across them that they should leave," Chris English, vice consul at the U.S. embassy, told the Associated Press.

"When they come here for passport purposes, or for any other reason, we ask them why they are here, and we make them aware of the dangers. We tell them unless it is vital to be here, it is best to leave. It is not a formal advice, but a friendly sort."

He said there are about 1,000

Americans registered with the embassy here, but he believes there are no more than 500 actually residing in Lebanon.

Many Americans living here left the country following an increase in the number of Americans kidnapped in the past five months. There are seven Americans held hostages, some of them for more than a year.

They are, Terry Anderson, chief Middle East correspondent for the Associated Press, William Buckley, an embassy political officer, Rev. Benjamin Weir, a Presbyterian minister, Peter Kilburn, a librarian at the American University of Beirut (AUB), Rev. Lawrence Jacco, a Roman Catholic priest, David Jacobson, director of the American University Hospital, and Tom Sutherland, dean of agriculture at AUB.

Bassiouni: Taba festival harmed peace efforts

TEL AVIV (R) — Egypt's senior diplomat in Israel has said that a beer festival near the Egyptian border has damaged efforts to ease tensions between the two countries.

Charge d'Affaires Mohammad Bassiouni told the Jerusalem Post newspaper in an interview published Monday that he had complained to officials before last week's festival at the disputed Taba beach strip.

"It is a disputed area, and if we are doing our best to improve relations, why do you bring in 5,000 people? It is unbelievable. It is like a provocation," he said.

A committee of Egyptian diplomats had hoped to help ease tensions with Israel at the border but cancelled a visit and returned to Cairo because of the festival, Mr. Bassiouni said.

But Israeli Foreign Ministry

Spokesman Avi Pazner said the festival was part of existing tourist activities permitted under a 1982 agreement with Egypt.

"The question of control of the Taba beach strip has divided members of the Israeli cabinet. Foreign Minister Yitzhak Shamir has opposed efforts by Egypt and Prime Minister Shimon Peres to set up an international arbitration into the dispute."

Mr. Bassiouni said a weekend skirmish between an Egyptian naval vessel and an Israeli yacht was not related to the festival. The clash occurred off nearby Coral Island in the Red Sea.

Israeli pleasure boats regularly drop anchor near the island so that passengers can swim amid the corals, but Mr. Bassiouni said the yacht's entry papers were "apparently no longer valid."

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NEWS IN BRIEF

Cabinet extends land registration date

AMMAN (Petra) — The cabinet has decided to extend until the end of 1986 the registration of government-owned lands under the names of people who had in the past exploited and improved these areas of land. An earlier government decision authorised the sale of such land to individuals at minimal prices to be decided by the Ministry of Finance.

Kana'an visits Al Hussein camp

AMMAN (Petra) — Minister of Occupied Territories Affairs Taher Kana'an Monday visited Al Hussein Palestinian refugee camp in Amman and looked into services offered to refugees by the United Nations Relief and Works Agency (UNRWA). The minister also called at the camp's youth centre and the health clinic and urged UNRWA officials to improve services for the refugees. The minister was accompanied on the visit by the director of UNRWA's services.

Ministry to issue commemorative stamps

AMMAN (Petra) — The Ministry of Communications will issue a collection of new stamps to commemorate the forthcoming Jordanian expatriates conference. The collection will comprise three stamps in denominations of 40, 60 and 125 fils.

Municipality team leaves for London

AMMAN (Petra) — A delegation from Amman Municipality left for London Monday to inspect technical studies being conducted by a company charged with carrying out the municipality's comprehensive projects. The delegation is led by Sultan Khalafat and comprises three other officials, all heads of municipality departments.

Zarqa chamber plans vocational centre

ZARQA (Petra) — The Zarqa Chamber of Commerce is undertaking the construction of a vocational training centre to offer training in trades needed in the district, according to Ibrahim Takiuddin, the chamber's director. He said that the chamber of commerce plans to build an information centre for the classification of periodicals and booklets pertaining to trade. The chamber also intends to set up a permanent exhibition to display products made in Zarqa and its neighbourhood, Mr. Takiuddin said.

Health committee closes Madaba stores

MADABA (Petra) — The Public Health and Safety Committee has closed down four stores in Madaba for violating health safety regulations. District Governor Abdul Halim Al Awwad, who heads at the committee, said committee members will soon conduct inspection tours of various stores.

Hashish trafficker sentenced to 8 years

AMMAN (Petra) — The military governor general has endorsed a military court decision convicting Fahd Saab Tulaih for trafficking hashish and sentencing him to eight years imprisonment and a fine of JD 3,000.

Hmoud asks councils to repair roads

AMMAN (Petra) — Minister of Municipal and Rural Affairs and the Environment Marwan Al Hmoud has requested heads of municipal and village councils in the Kingdom to repair ditches in streets and pavements for the sake of public safety. The minister also requested that when councils grant building permits, the contractors should be asked to erect protective barriers and warning signals. Builders should not put debris and materials in the streets or on pavements as this hinders traffic movement, the minister added.

Genuine jazz at Jerash

By Jean Claude Elias
Special to the Jordan Times

JERASH — For the third time since its inception, the Jerash Festival will be featuring the Amman Jazz Band. A one night performance is to be given by the band at the Artemis Steps on Thursday, July 18, at 10:30.

Formed in 1981 by musician and drummer Raja Kawa, who since has been their main pillar, the group made their very first public appearance at Jerash Festival in 1983.

Except for two or three of them, the band does not have permanent members and is opting for an open arrangement. Performing this year in Jerash are Raja Kawa (well known in Amman music circles for his radio programme, Jazz Hour), Alfred Protz on guitar, Khaled Dajani on keyboards, Roger Lewis on electric bass, Louis Nahas on guitar and saxo and guest Charles Bisharat on electric violin and saxo alto.

Combined talents

In spite of the fact that all members are not full time musicians, they are by no means amateurs. Each one of them has been previously involved in professional musical activities ranging from studio recording sessions to playing with internationally known bands, in Jordan and abroad. Still one does not need to read their curriculum vitae to be convinced of their talent. All you have to do is listen. Listen to impressive rhythms by Raja Kawa or to lightning-fast guitar solo lines by Alfred Protz, or, even better, to the quality of the resulting sound which is produced by the band — genuine jazz.

Tribute must be paid to these young men who take the time and have the ability to play such an excellent music in addition to their regular and daily responsibilities. Alfred Protz is First Secretary at the Embassy of the German Federal Republic in Amman and along with Raja Kawa (a lan-



dance designer) has been one of the driving forces in the group. He also performed with professional bands in Germany. Louis Nahas, when he is not holstering his guitar, plays on a special keyboard, a computer one. Charles Bisharat is still a student, Roger Lewis an engineer and Khaled Dajani is in the banking profession.

Accessible music

The Amman Jazz Band plays a kind of music which, while being authentic jazz, is accessible to a wide audience. The groups will not play abstract forms of modern jazz. Their style is more oriented towards rock-jazz, funk-jazz and also traditional or classical jazz.

This year's performance in Jerash will include numbers from Miles Davis, Dizzy Gillespie, Duke Ellington, George Benson, Bireli Lagrene and some of the band's own compositions. The Artemis Steps theatre, where the event is to take place, has excellent acoustics and promises to enhance the musicians' talent.

It is worth underlining the importance of the role the Amman Jazz Band is playing by being the only group in Jordan capable of playing real jazz and doing it by international standards.

Jazz, unlike any other form of music requires a lot of creativity, improvisation and virtuosity from the performer. The atmosphere, the audience feedback, the acoustics or simply the musicians' mood, all this can tremendously affect the spirit of the performance. Jerash and its audience are certainly expected to produce the most positive effect on the Amman Jazz Band's members.



PRINCE VISITS PRIME MINISTER: Regent, Monday visits the Prime Ministry where he met with Prime Minister Zaid Al Rifai (Petra photo)

Lower House convenes today

By Sa'ad G. Hattar
Jordan Times Staff Reporter

AMMAN — The Lower House of Parliament is due to convene today to tackle issues pertaining to pharmaceutical practices, general health, the Jordan Medical Council and laws of the bar association. Amendments to these draft laws were passed to the house by its legal committee early this week.

The new amendment to pharmaceutical practices states that no pharmacist is allowed to practice unless he is licensed by the Ministry of Health and unless he is registered with the pharmacists association and provided that he has worked in his field at the Ministry of Health or the Armed Forces medical centre for not less than two years. If a pharmacist is registered with the association, but did not obtain a job at either the ministry or at the medical centre within two months of his application, he is then exempted from having to serve for two years.

A second law related to the trade side of pharmacy and a third on periodic inspections of pharmacies will also be discussed.

The house, which is expected to convene under the chairmanship of its speaker Akaf Al Fayez with the attendance of cabinet ministers, will also tackle general health laws as passed to the house committee by the cabinet except for one law which was rejected following a suggestion by the doctors association and which was approved by the minister of health. The suggestion proposed that fees for doctors be fixed as in the existing doctors association law.

The house's legal committee endorsed bar association laws except for article No. 10 and the committee's substitute for the rejected article states: "Every public trade or industrial corporation, every public shareholding company and every foreign company or subsidiary in the Kingdom with a capital of more than JD 150,000 must appoint an agent or a legal advisor or solicitor. A contract must be signed between the company and the legal advisor which must be signed at the notary public office within a month of the contract."

Hmoud forms technical team to study projects in Fuheis

AMMAN (Petra) — Minister of Municipal and Rural Affairs and the Environment Marwan Al Hmoud has formed a technical team to conduct an evaluation study of the organizational and structural plan for Fuheis under which the expansion area for the municipality's boundaries will be specified. The use of lands for afforestation, building, craft centres and public services or utilities will also be defined according to this study. The minister said that the new organizational plan for the city will serve as a working programme for the municipal council in the city to carry out its development projects.

During an inspection visit to Fuheis Monday Mr. Hmoud said that the ministry looks forward to carrying out development projects in municipalities and village councils in order to increase their revenues through income-generating projects and to enable them to pay for service projects without resorting to loans. It was decided during the visit that a feasibility study of the JD 100,000 commercial market in the city should be updated and that ways of improving the environmental situation in the city be studied.

The minister requested hastening efforts to establish a joint health centre which would serve Fuheis, Mahes and the neighbouring villages should be speeded up. It was also decided to study the problem of trucks inside the city and to lend the municipality the sum needed to complete its pressing projects.

Chairman of the Fuheis municipal committee Mahmoud Abu Romman also outlined the municipality's current projects among which are opening new roads, purchasing four dunums of land to be used as a public park and planting an area of 20-dunums with trees.

The meeting with Dr. Majali was attended by the Chinese cultural counsellor at the Chinese embassy in Amman.

Majali meets

Chinese education delegation

AMMAN (Petra) — President of the University of Jordan, Dr. Abdul Salam Al Majali Monday received a delegation representing the Chinese Higher National Education Council who are currently on a visit to Jordan.

Dr. Majali reviewed with the delegation the history of education in the country. He pointed out that the illiteracy rate in Jordan has dropped from 99 per cent in the 1920's to less than 20 per cent at present.

He said that although Jordan's resources were meagre, it has been the philosophy of the country's leadership to concentrate on the development of skilled human resources and manpower through education.

Dr. Majali added that the University of Jordan is considered to be one of the lowest costing universities in the world and that its total costs since its establishment have not exceeded \$250 million.

He said that the university follows an "open door" policy with all international higher education institutions in the world and that 320 students from 65 countries are enrolled in the university programmes and courses.

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Alia announces reshuffle of administrative staff

AMMAN (J.T.) — Alia, the Royal Jordanian Airline, has announced changes in its administrative staff. A spokesman for Alia described these changes as means to enable the national airline to pursue its successes and progress in implementation of directives set by His Majesty King Hussein.

According to the spokesman, the changes were made at an extraordinary meeting of Alia's board on Sunday evening during which the members reviewed the Alia's situation, its needs and future plans.

The board of directors decided to carry out changes and a reshuffle in the administrative system, to cancel certain posts and to establish others, and to merge positions as well as conducting a re-examination of the staff and employees, the spokesman said.

He said that the Public Relations Department will be run by Alia's assistant director for Public Relations Munib Toukan. The Department of Investments and Projects and companies affiliated to them will be headed by Khaled Al Bitar, who is assistant director for investments.

The Department of Planning will be run by Mr. Nizar Arayan.

the Legal Department will be headed by Jamal Abu Hamdan, who also runs the Management Control Department and the Financial Auditing Department.

According to the spokesman, the board decided to entrust supervision of the Flight Operations Department to Captain Jihad Arsheid; the Engineering and Maintenance Department to Zaid Al Keilani and Marketing and Passenger Affairs to Akel Biltaji.

It also decided to establish a department for marketing and freight services to be headed by Edmond Philippi and a department for passengers services to be headed by Mitri Fabel.

The board also decided to cancel an existing administrative department and to replace it by two others, one for personnel headed by Musa Anz and the second for public services to be headed by Ahmed Junter. The board also entrusted Alia's president and director general to name a new head for the financial department.

The board requested the General Administration Department to prepare an organisational structure for Alia with special emphasis on and consideration to factors which help the national airline develop and progress. The administrative department will submit its proposals to the board in 10 days' time, the spokesman concluded.

The Alia reshuffle, which was reported by the Jordanian News Agency, Petra, did not clarify what was going to happen to three heads of Alia departments: Director of the now-dissolved administrative department Zuhair Dahman, Financial Affairs Department Chief Executive Fouad Matta who was recently appointed to replace Dr. Fahed Al Fanek, and marketing department Chief Executive Iyyad Al Khalidi.

However, an authoritative source in Alia told the Jordan Times that Mr. Dahman, Mr. Matta, Mr. Khalidi in addition to Financial Control and Auditing Director, Mr. Ahmad Sabbagh have been dismissed from Alia.

King watches Jordanian Armed Forces Band perform at Royal Tournament in London

By J.H. Boteler
Special to the Jordan Times

AMMAN — A full band of the Royal Jordanian Armed Forces are the guests at this year's Royal Tournament, held at the Earl's Court arena in London, England. A party of 150, including 130 band members, left Jordan at the end of June in order to participate in the prestigious annual tournament, which runs from July 10 to 27.

Each night a member of royalty or a visiting dignitary attends the tournament in order to "take the salute", when the various acts march through the arena, and on Saturday night His Majesty King Hussein was present to see the Armed Forces Band perform their part as ambassadors from Jordan.

The performance was attended by Armed Forces Commander in Chief, General Shafiq Zaid Ibn Shaker and invited guests as well as a crowd of nearly 20,000 spectators.

The band, comprising of pipe, drum and brass sections, under the direction of Major Jamal Zurikat, are performing a 10-minute act, immediately after the widely popular display by the horse-drawn gun carriages of the King Troop of the Royal Artillery.

The band has developed a varied and complex act, comprising selections of Jordanian music, a song in honour of His Majesty King Hussein and, at one point, a formation by the musicians of the combined letters U.K. (United Kingdom), and H.K.J. (Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan).

Performing on an average of twice a day, in matinee and evening performances, the band can expect to be seen by nearly half-a-million paying customers and many millions more on television.

The Royal Tournament, which is composed of a wide assortment of military acts and demonstrations, invites just one guest act from abroad each year, and

this is the second time that Jordan Armed Forces Band has been so honoured, the last time being in 1955.

A Jordanian army team is making its own video recording of the bands performances, and also of the exhibition stand situated in the main concourse of Earl's Court. This displays many facets of Jordanian life and customs, including a bedouin tent.

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'Food of gods' has ancient, magic appeal

WASHINGTON — "New world" explorer Hernan Cortes was so impressed to find Aztec Emperor Moctezuma drinking "xocoatl" out of golden goblets that he took some cacao beans, source of the precious beverage, home to Spain in 1528.

Thus was born today's multibillion-dollar chocolate industry, built on the universal craving for the product of a wondrous tree labeled *theobroma* — "food of the god." That lyrical nomenclature was furnished by Linnaeus, the great classifier who was known for his scientific detachment.

Cortes, a man with his eye on a golden doubloon, and his fellow Spaniards took some of the miracle beans to Trinidad, Haiti, and the West African island of Fernando Po, now Bioko.

From Fernando Po to the mainland went one pod of beans. Today, all the world's cacao comes from a dozen nations within 20 degrees of the Equator, in moist, tropical climates. Bahia state, in

eastern Brazil, and the Ivory Coast account for 45 per cent of the beans.

The Spanish nobility added cane sugar and water to the brew introduced by Cortes, and heated it. For almost a century, Spain had a virtual monopoly on the cacao-bean market.

But word of the delectable drink eventually spread around Europe. By the early 1700s, chocolate houses were starting to compete with coffeehouses in London. In 1765, a chocolate factory opened in the Massachusetts Bay Colony.

In 1828, a Dutch chemist learned to press the fatty cocoa butter out of the beans and make cocoa powder. In 1847, "eating chocolate" came on the scene when cocoa butter and sugar were mixed with a paste of ground beans.

The Swiss made a big breakthrough in 1875, mixing condensed milk with chocolate to produce solid milk chocolate. New

machines added smoothness by stirring, or conching, the liquid chocolate.

Before long, an enterprising American named Milton Hershey became the Henry Ford of chocolate-makers, mass-producing it to make it affordable.

Today the United States leads the world both in cacao-bean imports and in chocolate production. But Europeans are bigger chocolate-eaters. The Swiss are the biggest, with annual per-capita consumption of about 22 pounds.

Gordon Young of the National Geographic followed the chocolate trail around the world, from the tree to the table. The only common denominator he found in the dozen candy factories he visited in the United States and Europe was automation.

Young also reports a number of other facts about chocolate. Among them:

— Candy makers sometimes use other ingredients, usually vegetable oils, in place of cocoa butter, and the results must, by law, be called "confectionery coating"

instead of chocolate.

— Baby Ruth candy bars, which have such a non-chocolate coating, didn't get their name from the late baseball star, but from the youngest daughter of President Grover Cleveland.

— Cocoa butter's oily smoothness and low melting point make it a common ingredient in cosmetics and suntan lotions.

— Chocolate itself is almost free of salt and cholesterol. Other ingredients in candy may not be.

— Chocolate, its trade associations assert, causes neither acne nor cavities.

— Consumed in sufficient quantities, it will make you fat. But it is an excellent high-energy food that has been eaten everywhere, including on Mount Everest and aboard orbiting spacecraft.

— People who touted chocolate as an aphrodisiac in 17th-century Europe may have had a point. It contains small amounts of phenylethylamine, a chemical in the brain that, some say, increases when folks fall in love.

Chocololics, as Young calls

them, even have their own magazine, *Chocolate News*. It is printed with chocolate-colored and chocolate-scented ink.

Some of the finest chocolate confections from Europe contain alcohol. Therefore, by law they can't be imported into the United States.

Young declines to answer the question that nagged him throughout his travels: Who makes the world's best chocolate? The ultimate answer, he concludes, "lies in the taste buds of each chocolate lover."

To illustrate the commitment some chocolate makers have to certain companies, he tells the story of a New York hostess who sent her chauffeur to a London chocolate-maker to replace her dwindling supply of dinner mints.

That episode, he writes, illustrates that "chocolate, food of the gods, has an almost magical power to engender emotional extravagance. What else, except fine wine, can do that?" — A National Geographic Society feature.

Henry Rousseau or the triumph of Naif art

Joelle Marcellet and

Francois de Sainte-Marie

HOW PROUD and happy the "Douanier Rousseau" would be, if he could see the crowds flocking to the exhibition devoted to him in the Grand Palais in Paris. Indeed, this French artist and painter, who was born in Laval in 1844 and died in Paris in 1910, did not experience much success during his lifetime. Or rather, this "Sunday painter" was mainly the butt of sarcasm and gibes, owing to his lack of academic technique, when he exhibited in the "Salon des Independents" art show, specially organized for artists who did not belong to any particular school. He had in turn been a soldier, a

solicitor's clerk, and a municipal worker in the customs' house, whence the nickname of "Douanier" or customs officer, which had no doubt been given to him out of derision. However, this victim of the prejudice of society was not totally innocent. Henri Rousseau was often a mythomaniac and sometimes a plagiarist, as Veronique Prat reminds us in "Figaro Magazine". For instance he maintained that, for seven years, he had taken part in the French expedition to Mexico, ordered by Napoleon III, and he claimed that it was this country which had inspired the jungles he painted. In fact, he had never been to Mexico. And similarly, the lion he claimed to have seen in that

country, had been painted from a children's picture-book from a high Paris store. The book was called "Wild Animals."

But in fact, Henri Rousseau had no need to invent these stories, to exist as a painter. He had a strong sense of composition and a rare gift as a colorist, and he had just created a kind of "naif art" which was to have many followers today. Some of his most famous works include "La Guerre" (War), "Vue du Parc Montsouris" (A view of Montsouris (Park)), "Une noce a la campagne" (A wedding in the country), "La Bohemienne endormie" (The sleeping gypsy girl) and "Le Lion ayant faim" (The hungry lion).

Rousseau's work, which no one

doubts was naive, opens up the frontiers of an imaginary world, full of superb colours. It is not possible to link Rousseau's work to something known. Although his technique was often reproached, it is far from being scanty. Douanier Rousseau has an almost "poitilliste" sense of detail, above all in his representation of plant-life. Behind the naivety and the stylization of forms, one can feel persistent work. Rousseau was preoccupied with the modernism of his period. His style is decorative, the light is flat and perspective nonexistent. Yet we must admit that his work is related to that of the post-impressionists and the symbolists, notably that of Gauguin. It is surely not by chance that Rou-

sseau was acknowledged by the earliest cubists, including Picasso. Rousseau painted wild animals, and jungles with unbridled imagination. The colours are frank and bright. He used a whole range of greens and reddish-browns. When technique failed him, he diverted it and manipulated the art of contrasts, which gave his paintings a great richness and constant vivacity...

Exoticism holds a predominant place in Rousseau's work, but it is not the only theme of his pictures. He also painted still-lives, portraits and scenes from everyday life, such as bankers and family get-togethers with the same enthusiasm and love of life of the people around him.

If Douanier Rousseau remained unknown to the general public of his period, or un-

appreciated by it, he made friends with some of his most famous contemporaries, Alfred Jarry, Guillaume Apollinaire and Picasso, who has already been mentioned.

A populist painter, Rousseau was able to keep the pure view of a child. That is why, reaching beyond academic snobishness, he delights our imaginations and our hearts — Radio France Internationale.



"Fort tropicale avec singes" by Henry Rousseau-1910 (RFI photo)

Rashid family reunion makes big gathering

From USIA

THE RASHID family is of Lebanese descent but as American as the Kennedys. Recently, 260 of them gathered in Bethesda, Maryland, for the family's 57th reunion.

Washington Post reporter Carla Hall covered the annual reunion as family members descended on a local hotel for what has become their most beloved tradition.

According to Ms. Hall, the number of Rashids is staggering. She reports that the family claims 1,300 Rashids in 32 states and

another 40 families in Brazil. The Rashids of America all trace their lineage back to the small southeastern Lebanon town of Merjayoun, where today the Rashid family still is one of the most prominent. The earliest Rashids arrived in America by ship in 1890 and settled in Bloomington, Illinois. The first Rashids to arrive were five cousins — four men and one woman. After that it is difficult to keep track of the relatives.

"In our family any man who is older than you is called 'Uncle' laughed Alan Rashid.

In her interviews with family members, Ms. Hall talked to Ken Rashid, director of a Consumer Protection Safety Commission,

who told her, "My colleagues around the city are in amazement when I say 250 of my relatives are coming to town." Another family member, 54-year-old Alfred Gannon of Oak Hill, West Virginia, said, "If you look down the hall, you see a little guy with sneakers. He's eight years old and he's my son. I'm here because if I let him know the joy I take in this, he'll enjoy it and carry it on. We

don't want to let something as wonderful as this family go by the wayside. We want some roots."

"You set a beautiful example for your homeland," George H. Siam, political affairs counselor for the Lebanese embassy in Washington said in a speech to the family at the close of their banquet. "And we look forward to the day when all of Lebanon will follow in the steps of the Rashid family — when all of Lebanon will come together as you did this weekend in the spirit of joy." — U.S. News Agency release.

Spaniards walk across hot embers unharmed

By Judith Matloff
Reuter

SAN PEDRO MANRIQUE, Spain — Once a year at midnight, shortly after the summer solstice, villagers in San Pedro Manrique walk barefoot on red-hot embers.

When the date came round in late June, hundreds of people packed the village's stone amphitheatre to see 15 firewalkers challenge the laws of nature in a ritual dating back centuries.

Drums rolled as each *pasador* (firewalker), swathed in a red sash and carrying another villager on his back, strode solemnly four metres across the embers of a

wood fire. Feet are sometimes blistered, but the villagers insist that only novices and outsiders are burned.

This year's ceremony was attended by Fernando Brimones of the Spanish Society of Parapsychology in Madrid.

"There's definitely something going on and we're trying to find out what," he said.

The *pasadores* ranged from teenagers to middle-aged men. Generally only men take part, but this year a young woman walked the coals, drawing loud cheers from the crowd.

The end of the ceremony is marked by firecrackers. Then the

crowd congratulates the firewalkers and sweeps them away to dance in the village's twisted cobble-stoned streets.

No one knows the origins of this strange ritual in a village of about 1,000 people 275 kilometres northeast of Madrid.

Scholars and villagers say it probably began as a Celtic or Roman pagan celebration of the summer solstice and evolved into a purification ritual when the area adopted Christianity.

Local legend has it that only certain families can perform the feat, watched over by the local religious patroness, Our Lady of the Pena. Similar firewalking practices in

Fiji, Greece and India have developed as a glorification of divine powers.

Brimones and his colleagues say sweat caused by tension and heat may protect the feet, and that the motion of raising the knees, and the weight of a second person, can reduce the heat.

Some experts in the U.S., where firewalking workshops claiming to bolster confidence have sprung up recently, say the brain tells the body to undergo a change to protect the feet.

Alejandro Ruiz, 27, who has walked the coals for 13 years, says it requires a form of hypnosis — and courage.



Barcelona confectioner Jose Balcells Pallares sneaks a taste of his 8½ foot semisweet chocolate model of the Statue of Liberty. He and an assistant spent three days of intense craftsmanship in creating the

229-pound sculpture. How does Pallares manage to stay so slim? By "working hard," he says (National Geographic photo)

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Iceman McCrory freezes challenger

MONACO (R) — Milton 'Iceman' McCrory coolly retained his World Boxing Council (WBC) welterweight title when he froze Panamanian challenger Carlos Trujillo with a third round knock-out Sunday night.

McCrory, glowing with confidence from the moment he entered the ring, kept his promise to knock out Trujillo inside four rounds, battering him to submission with a minute of the third of 12 scheduled rounds left.

It was McCrory's fourth — and shortest — defence of the title he won in August 1983 in the second of two fights with Britain's Colin Jones.

The champion first dropped Trujillo to the canvas five seconds before the end of the first round with a right to the side of the face which rocked the challenger for a mandatory eight count.

The pace quickened in the second round and McCrory landed a right and left which sent Trujillo toppling backwards.

He dodged out of trouble himself, swinging away from Trujillo's right and weaving out of the corner to crack the challenger with another right. The two were still swapping punches after the bell.

McCrory, unbeaten in a 28-fight career which includes just

one draw against Jones, proved himself in a different class from Trujillo, picking his moments to land punches at will.

He drove the hapless Panamanian into the corner once more in the third round, catching him with a devastating right in a flurry of blows as the challenger went down from a right-left-right combination for the last time.

American referee Rudy Ortega was already signalling it was all over, but Trujillo was out for the count with the ring clock stopped at two minutes three seconds into the round.

McCrory had treated a meagre audience in the new Louis II stadium to a disco shimmy as he entered the ring behind his green WBC belt at the start of the fight. He danced away in triumph when the outclassed Trujillo fell.

"I kept my hands straight up at first, but then I started to get relaxed. I caught him with a right. After he was staggering, it was easy. I didn't want to go 12 rounds," he said.

Tresor makes a stylish exit

BORDEAUX, France (R) — Marius Tresor, France's longest serving international, made a stylish exit from international soccer in a testimonial match between his last club, Bordeaux, and a French selection Sunday.

The 35-year-old central defender from Guadeloupe played

the first half of the match, won 4-3 by league champions Bordeaux.

Tresor, who won a record 65 caps for France, received a standing ovation at the end of the match which featured many of last year's European championship-winning side.

Hanisch wins 3rd world fencing title

BARCELONA, Spain (R) — Cornelia Hanisch of West Germany won the women's individual foil title for the third time Sunday at the world fencing championships.

Hanisch, the silver medalist in the foil at the Los Angeles Olympics, beat compatriot Sabine Bischoff 8-2 in the final.

Favourites, Olympic title-

holder Luan Jujie of China and Italian defending champion Dorina Vaccaroni were surprisingly defeated in repechage competitions.

There were also surprises in the preliminary rounds of the men's individual sabre when Victor Krovopouskov, of the Soviet Union, three times world champion, and Olympic title holder Francois

Lamour of France failed to make the final 32.

In another development, officials banned Italian Stefano Cerioni from Monday's men's team foil event for making an obscene gesture at booing spectators after losing the individual bronze to West German Harald Hein on Saturday.

Italy cruises through fencing foil final

BARCELONA (R) — Italy, whose fencers swept the individual men's foil tournament, cruised into the team foil final series when they beat Switzerland 9-1 and Spain 9-2 at the world fencing championships Monday.

World and Olympic individual champion Mauro Numa brought the Italians three wins while Andrea Borella registered six vic-

tories. Alexander Romankov, the Russian who held the world title five times but who was knocked out in the individual quarter-finals, bounced back with five wins to help the Soviet Union beat Ireland 9-0 and Hungary 9-4.

The other teams to qualify were: Japan, Poland, the U.S., Austria, East Germany, West

Germany, Cuba, France, Spain and Hungary.

In the individual sabre competition, world champion Vassil Etopolski of Bulgaria reached the quarter-finals. His twin Hristo, who won the bronze medal at the last championships, and Italian Gianfranco Dalla Barba, holder of the silver medal, also qualified.

Australia makes highest score at Trent Bridge

NOTTINGHAM, England (R) — Australia passed their highest test score against England at Trent Bridge as their batsmen continued to frustrate the England bowlers in the third cricket test Monday.

At tea on the fourth day they had moved to 526 for eight — a first innings lead of 70. England's only success of the afternoon session came when Greg Ritchie was bowled by left-arm spinner Phil Edmunds as he came down the wicket in an attempt to strike the four which would have taken him to 150.

Ritchie's 146 was stored in 357 minutes off 308 balls and contained 16 fours. It beat his previous best test score by 40 runs. Ritchie, who had almost been

caught and bowled off the first delivery he received, had piloted Australia into a first innings lead with a mixture of stout defence and solid strokeplay.

Any hopes England harboured of quickly wrapping up the Australian innings were dashed by Simon O'Donnell and pace bowler Geoff Lawson whose ninth wicket stand was worth 35 by the interval.

Neither batsmen suffered any alarms as the benign Trent Bridge pitch continued to offer little encouragement to the bowlers.

The third new ball was taken after 93 overs with Australia 512 for eight and, helped by some lusty blows by Lawson, the touring team took 14 in two overs.

Porsche engineer treated for burns

STUTTGART, West Germany (R) — Porsche chief engineer Norbert Singer is likely to spend a month in hospital after being burned in an explosion at the Hockenheim world endurance championship Sunday, Porsche said Monday.

Singer sustained second and third degree burns at the 1,000 kilometre motor race when spilled fuel exploded in intense heat during a refuelling pit stop by West German Jochen Mass and Belgian Jacky Ickx. He was not wearing fireproof clothing.

All Blacks abandons tour of S.Africa

WELLINGTON (R) — New Zealand's rugby union abandoned its planned tour of South Africa Monday but held open the prospect it would try to reschedule it later this year.

A union statement read by a lawyer to the high court said a court order on Saturday had made it impossible for the tour to go ahead.

Judge Maurice Casey had said the national All Blacks team should not go to South Africa until he ruled on a legal action from two rugby-playing lawyers, who said the tour violated the union's constitution which bound it to foster the sport.

The union said no practical purpose would be achieved by appealing the order and the tour, which was due to start on July 24, was cancelled.

Rugby union chairman Cos Blazey told Reuters the union's 18-man ruling council would meet Tuesday to "consider all the options which are available to us".

The cancellation was welcomed by opponents of the controversial tour, including Prime Minister David Lange, who told reporters it would have been "totally wrong".

Lange said he understood the disappointment of the 30-man squad, who had been assembling at the weekend to fly to South Africa on Wednesday.

"But if you ask me who I feel most sorry for, it is for the four out of five South Africans who don't get a vote... for the 320-odd people who have been shot there," he said.

Rugby fans in this small, isolated nation where the game is fol-

lowed with near religious fervour reacted angrily.

Lange said his family had received abusive and threatening telephone calls and police were protecting Casey and others involved in the case.

The attitude of many rugby followers was summed up by Aubrey Kenny, chairman of the provincial Marlborough rugby union, who said scrapping the tour amounted to "anarchy".

"I'm in despair for democracy... I'm sad for everybody involved but most of all I'm sad for New Zealand," he said.

In Sydney, Australian national coach Alan Jones said the cancellation could undermine the structure of international rugby as rebel tours might be mounted to South Africa.

Sport stars promote industry, earn fortunes

By David Thompson
Reuters

LONDON — Boris Becker's wristwatch was clearly the least important part of the formidable armoury which carried him to his remarkable Wimbledon triumph.

But for the West German's long term tennis future, which could earn him \$40 million over the next 10 years from sponsorship alone, the elegant timepiece is one of his most vital assets.

It neatly illustrates the extent to which sponsorship looms large in the lives of sporting personalities.

Like golfer Bernhard Langer and captain Mark Phillips, husband of Britain's Princess Anne, Becker is under contract to the Swiss firm of Fbel to wear their watch at all times.

Becker's need for it on the centre court, where time is clearly visible for all to see (in the form of an advertisement from a rival watch company), was negligible.

Even Fbel's Managing Director Denis Pasche, asked to consider whether the 17-year-old prodigy needed a watch on centre court, conceded: "That's a difficult one (to explain)".

But Pasche is in no doubt as to the value of the sponsorship to his company — a value enhanced ten

times over since Becker became the youngest ever Wimbledon winner.

Becker's contract with Fbel is worth about \$35,000 a year. Added to his sponsorship from Puma of West Germany, (rackets and shoes), Ellesse of Italy (clothing) and the Audio equipment firm BASF, his total sponsorship value even before his Wimbledon win was an estimated \$300,000 a year.

That figure is bound to be revised sharply upwards and for good commercial reasons.

Pasche said: "We have done market research which shows sponsorship like this accounts for 30 per cent of people's awareness of our product."

Once aware, people tend to buy. "We find people like to identify themselves with well-known personalities," Pasche said.

That form of identification is obviously one of the reasons why Adidas, the West German sportswear and equipment manufacturers, commit four per cent of their annual, 1.1 billion sterling (\$1.5 billion) turnover to advertising, which includes their sponsorship budget.

Among the many big names on the Adidas books are English soccer club Manchester United, Olympic athletic gold medallists

Daley Thompson and Ed Moses and Tennis stars Ivan Lendl and Kevin Curren, the man Becker beat in the Wimbledon final.

Indeed when Becker and Curren walked on court many a sponsor could have been forgiven for not being able to bring themselves to watch — so great were the financial implications.

Adidas Marketing Director David Ling joked: "We backed the wrong man." Then he added: "But we did not have to pay the win bonus."

Ironically, it was Curren who put out one of Adidas' investments for the future, 19-year-old Swede Stefan Edberg, who fell to the American in straight sets in the fourth round.

But either way the distinctive Adidas three stripes were in the final of a major event with a vast television audience absorbing the tennis and, no doubt, subconsciously absorbing the softsell.

Perhaps not even subconsciously. In one game at last year's championships Lendl displayed 27 separate Adidas identifications.

But it pays, Ling said: "It is not difficult to evaluate a direct response in terms of the investment."

With Adidas staging a sophisticated back-up to the various equipment and items of wear with which Lendl is associated, the result, said Mr. Ling, had been "a very high level of market demand."

Becker's clean-cut image should ensure similar if not greater success for the products he backs. Unlike some tennis stars, his behaviour is of a high standard, on and off the court.

Wolfgang Goetz, who represents the international sports management group McCormack in West Germany, commented: "His income potential is tremendous. The kid is very likeable. He's nice. He's well-behaved. What more could you ask for?"

For reporters who wanted to interview him for the 19th time on the morning after his Wimbledon success, the answer will always be — another interview.

Typically, any money which might be made from that quarter is to go to disabled young sportsmen in his own country.

For sponsors the answer is just as simple... nothing.

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LONDON (R) — Following are the buying and selling rates for leading world currencies and gold against the dollar at midday on the London foreign exchange and bullion markets Monday.

One sterling	1.3915/25	U.S. dollars
One U.S. dollar	1.3505/15	Canadian dollars
	2.8770/90	West German marks
	3.2390/410	Dutch guilders
	2.3940/60	Swiss francs
	57.93/98	Belgian francs
	8.7400/500	French francs
	18630/18650	Italian lire
	238.67/77	Japanese yen
	8.4025/125	Swedish crowns
	8.3500/600	Norwegian crowns
	10.3575/675	Danish crowns
One ounce of gold	317.25/317.75	U.S. dollars

LONDON STOCK MARKET

LONDON (R) — Share prices ended the first day of the new account firm in moderate trading. The half point cut to 12 per cent in U.K. base rates by the major clearing banks, while being widely anticipated, helped sentiment, dealers said.

The 1.3 per cent rise in June U.K. retail sales to a record 116.1 encouraged buying interest in consumer issues. The FTSE 100 share index at 1430 GMT was up 11.2 at 1242.0.

Government bonds firmed afresh with initial demand exhausting official supplies of the treasury 10 per cent 2004 which closed 3/4 point up at 97 1/2. Gains elsewhere ranged to 7/16 point. Gold shares firmed and North Americans were mixed.

Among the leaders, ICI rose 3/4 to 702. Allied Lyons gained 7/8 to 230 and Glaxo firmed 5/8 to 1,205. Thorn emi ended 10p higher at 329, meeting some buying support following from its recent weak trend. Dixons rose 20p to 719 ahead of its results on Wednesday and among other stores Gus "A" gained 2 1/2 to 797.

TI group rose 20p to 274 ahead of its forthcoming results with stock shortages exaggerating the price, dealers said.

The one point prime rate cut to seven per cent by two Hong Kong banks helped Hong Kong stocks initially, but they ended off their highs due to lack of follow through with Cheung Kong up 3p at 161 1/2 after 162 1/2.

YOUR DAILY Horoscope from the Carroll Righter Institute

FORECAST FOR TUESDAY, JULY 16, 1985

GENERAL TENDENCIES: The waning moon finds you have a good time to wind up and get rid of conditions not to your liking and especially where your home, family or property matters are concerned.

ARIES (Mar. 21 to Apr. 19) Study your home and family and plan how to have everything more comfortable and ideal there.

TAURUS (Apr. 20 to May 20) Get those arrangements working that can improve your station in life. Take time to visit with friends who can help you.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 21) Fine day to carry on with some fine plan that can make you far more prosperous. Avoid one who is a boring pessimist.

MOON CHILDREN (June 22 to Jul. 21) Your personal aims can be reached very easily now, so apply yourself seriously to them.

LEO (Jul. 22 to Aug. 21) You have a noble nature and this is the day to impress others favorably and get much done. Someone is setting a trap for you.

VIRGO (Aug. 22 to Sept. 22) Get the expert advice you need so that you can gain your finest ambitions. Be willing to help one who needs your assistance.

LIBRA (Sept. 23 to Oct. 22) A good day to tie up loose ends of any business deals that are important to you. Show a bigwig you can be relied upon.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21) You may get news from out of town that can help you to get a new perspective. An older individual could give you needed data.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 to Dec. 21) Complete those arrangements concerning business that will get you the right results. Bills are overdue; so pay them.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 to Jan. 20) Use care in dealing with a partner who is sensitive and then you can come to a fine agreement.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21 to Feb. 19) Get right at that pile of work and you soon make a big dent in it and then can gain benefits from it.

PISCES (Feb. 20 to Mar. 20) You are in the mood for fun and should stick to the proven and be with congenials. Finish a project you've been working on.

IF YOUR CHILD IS BORN TODAY ... he or she will always want to be near home and family and should have as secure and fine a place as possible in which to be reared. One who will do well at merchandising since there is great salesmanship in this nature.

THE Daily Crossword by Wilson McBeath

ACROSS

- Domain
- Betal palm
- "Tale of a —"
- City west of Madrid
- Place
- Equal part
- Offering barrel
- substance
- Sword bearer
- Auditors
- Old job
- Abhors
- Done in
- Procure
- Archbishop of Canterbury
- Have suitability
- Vendetta
- generic
- Seed covering
- On tap
- Herring
- Rocky pinnacle
- Vortex
- Non-irritating
- Captures
- Less or Vaccaro
- Did office work
- "Have a —"
- Black sea
- Arrange
- Baseball stat.
- Pass from one to another
- Feather
- Similar; prof.
- Lyric poem
- Purposes
- Vintage car
- Pick up an option

DOWN

- Stadium sound
- A labor
- Pr. department
- Atty.'s degree
- "His fellow —"
- to —
- Gluck et al.
- Marcupla for short
- Old Fr. coin
- Percentage
- Receptacle
- Let the cat out of the bag
- Addict
- Alphabet port
- Spread out
- Towel marking
- Like an ear
- Titten's husband
- From original sources
- Rear
- Deu
- Kind of bag
- Disappears
- Capital of Angola
- Noon
- Dimmed
- Parted out now
- Child's vehicle
- Shilling
- Consejian Louis
- Parthian dance
- Se humdrum
- Russ. novelist
- Adam —
- Air. port
- Snicker's partner
- Scuttle
- Mornings
- Gibbon
- Negative term
- White House monogram
- Mako clothing

Yesterday's Puzzle Solved:

WRITING ABLE ARIAL
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Top British banks cut base lending rate to 12%

LONDON (R) — Leading British commercial banks cut their key lending rate to 12 per cent Monday, bowing at last to official pressure to do so.

National Westminster Bank, Barclays Bank and Midland Bank all said they were lowering their base rate, charged to their most creditworthy customers, from 12 1/2 per cent.

While such reductions would normally weaken sterling, the pound, which was unusually strong last week, remained firm against a weak dollar and even rose slightly to \$1.3893.

Last Thursday the Bank of England cut its dealing rates in the wholesale money markets, a strong hint that the financial authorities wanted to see a small reduction in base rates, which have been well above levels in most other countries this year.

AOID proposes industrial projects for Arab nations

ABU DHABI (OPECNA) — The Arab Organisation for Industrial Development (AOID) has proposed the setting up of 266 joint industrial projects in various Arab countries over the next five years.

According to an AOID report, the total cost of the projects is estimated at \$2.41 billion.

They include 104 ventures for consumer goods, 10 for petrochemicals, 14 for food products, 70 for construction materials and four for steel.

Noting that 22 of the proposed projects should receive priority, in accordance with a resolution by the Arab Conference for Economic Development held in Damascus, Syria, last year, the report

China announces new tax to regulate flow of imports

PEKING (Agencies) — China announced a new import regulatory tax Sunday on vehicles, video recorders, mini-computers, and other selected foreign products.

A state council circular said some localities and units had imported costly goods "in a blind way," damaging the economy, the official Xinhua News Agency reported.

The tax takes effect Tuesday and will be levied in addition to normal customs duties. The announcement did not say how much importers would have to pay.

The tax covers Sedan cars, mini-buses, cross-country vehicles, motorcycles, video recorders, colour television, projectors, mini-computers, processed polyester yarn, synthetic chemical fabrics and some other items, the announcement said.

It will apply throughout the country, including China's four "special economic zones" of Shenzhen, Shantou, Zhuhai and Nianmen.

The aim is to use an economic lever to regulate imports, the state council said.

China's reserves of foreign currency plummeted 32 per cent between September and March, from \$16.674 billion to \$11.262 billion.

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Bahrain issues licences to four financial institutions

BAHRAIN (R) — Bahrain Monetary Agency (BMA) said Monday it has issued licences for four financial institutions to open representative offices.

It said they were Midland Bank Group International Trade Services Limited, a wholly owned subsidiary of Midland Bank PLC, Yemen Bank for Reconstruction and Development, 51 per cent owned by the Yemeni government, Italy's Monte Dei Paschi Di Siena and Citicorp Investment Bank Limited.

The BMA said the licence for Citicorp Investment Bank was for a regional representative office covering the Middle East.

These are the first new licences issued since November, when the agency gave permission for an offshore banking unit and three investment banks to open offices.

In recent months, several commercial banks have announced plans to close or scale down operations in Bahrain, saying the economic slowdown caused by falling oil revenues means there is not enough business for them.

It indicates that AOID is cooperating with the United Nations Industrial Development Organisation (UNIDO) in market analyses and in the identification of investment possibilities in Arab heavy industries, as well as other technical fields.

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Israel announces more firings amid strike threats

TEL AVIV (R) — The Israeli cabinet announced Sunday for fresh dismissals of public workers as labour unions threatened crippling strikes against the government's anti-inflation austerity programme.

Prime Minister Shimon Peres, seeking to avert a general work stoppage threatened for Tuesday, met leaders of the powerful Histadrut labour federation who are demanding a role in determining lay-offs and higher pay.

A cabinet statement said plans to dismiss three per cent of workers in the government sector would be extended to state companies previously excluded from the austerity measure.

Finance ministry officials said the additional dismissals would affect 48 government-owned companies.

Mr. Peres announced two weeks ago he would use emergency orders to suspend cost-of-living wage compensation agreements and fire 10,000 public workers to help to combat 260 per cent inflation.

But he postponed issuing the decrees after the Histadrut, which represents 80 per cent of Israeli workers, brought the country to a virtual standstill in a one-day warning strike 12 days ago and threatened more unrest.

The Histadrut wants Mr. Peres to abandon the emergency decrees and grant more than the 14 per cent wage compensation proposed by treasury officials.

Mr. Peres used emergency orders after finance ministry estimates showed the government stood to overspend its \$23 billion budget by \$1.2 billion this year unless it acted.

He immediately devalued the shekel by 15.9 per cent and slashed subsidies on basic foods.

The government, facing union and media criticism of the new measures, is paying a top advertising firm half a million dollars for a campaign to win public support for the plan, a finance ministry official said.

A poll in Maariv newspaper Sunday said 90 per cent of the public, questioned before the new measures were announced, were dissatisfied with the government's economic policies.

Since taking office 10 months ago, Mr. Peres' multi-party government has introduced four economic programmes, but ministers openly admit that it has not enacted budget cuts outlined in the plans.

In a speech Sunday, President Chaim Herzog said he could not understand how a country that could sacrifice so much for its own defence had been so irresponsible in its reaction to the government's austerity programme.

He assailed workers of the electric company and other vital services for taking industrial action at a time of economic turmoil.

The electric workers returned to work Saturday night after causing power cuts the previous week. Mr. Herzog asked border police units.

"In the final analysis, whom are they hurting? The weak, the sick on the operating table and the elderly?"

He criticised "those who look for relief by harming the little guy."

Hired bus drivers struck the country's largest bus company, causing public transport delays Sunday in Haifa and occupied Jerusalem.

Belgium lends Turkey \$4.3m

ANKARA (R) — Belgian Foreign Minister Leo Tindemans signed an agreement with his Turkish counterpart Mr. Vahit Hilefoglu Monday for a soft credit to Turkey of 250 million Belgian francs (\$4.3 million) the foreign ministry said.

A Belgian embassy spokesman said the credit was tied to the purchase of Belgian goods and the term was 30 years with a 10-year grace period and two per cent interest rate.

He said 200 million francs (\$3.4 million) was to buy telephone equipment from Bell Telephone Manufacturing, a Belgian subsidiary of ITT Corporation, a purchase agreed last year.

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Belgian deputy premier resigns over Brussels stadium riots

BRUSSELS (R) — Belgian Deputy Premier and Justice Minister Jean Gol offered his resignation Monday from Prime Minister Wilfried Martens' centre-right coalition government, the National News Agency Belga reported.

The move followed a bitter weekend parliamentary debate in which Mr. Gol's Francophone Liberal Party (PRL) demanded but failed to obtain the resignation of Interior Minister Charles-Ferdinand Nothomb over the May 29 European Cup Final soccer riot in Brussels in which 38 people died.

A Justice Ministry spokesman confirmed that Mr. Gol, 43, a firm advocate of law and order, had written to Mr. Martens Monday, asking him to convey his resignation to King Baudouin.

The move seemed likely to open a crisis in the four-party ruling coalition of Francophone and Flemish Christian Democrats and Liberals five months before a general election is due.

In his letter, Mr. Gol made clear he was quiting in protest at Mr. Nothomb's refusal to accept responsibility for security failures at the soccer match between Liverpool of England and Juventus of Milan, Italy.

"The state and authority are gravely damaged by the refusal of responsibility which sadly had characterised the Belgian state for many years and which I have consistently denounced," he wrote.

"The interior minister's unjustified refusal to accept his political responsibilities... and the obstinacy of certain groups in the majority in turning the minister's individual responsibility into a government question, led the members of my group to give the government's survival priority

over their conscience," he said. "I cannot suffer this situation," he added.

Mr. Gol, a right-winger, has been the senior deputy premier in the Martens government, which has ruled for 3½ years, the longest term of any Belgian administration since the 1960s.

One of four PRL ministers in the 16-member cabinet, Mr. Gol served as acting prime minister for several weeks in 1983 after Mr. Martens, a Flemish Christian Democrat, underwent heart surgery.

During that period, the government defeated a general strike by public service workers protesting at its drastic austerity programme, which had been largely promoted by the PRL.

Born in London in 1942, the son of Jewish refugees, Mr. Gol is a law professor who entered parliament in 1971, held junior ministerial office from 1974 to 1977 and became president of his party in 1979.

At the Justice Ministry, he has taken the lead in Belgium's so far unsuccessful fight against an urban guerrilla bombing campaign against NATO and Belgian establishment targets.

He has also pushed through controversial legislation to allow inner-city boroughs to refuse to accept more immigrants.

The parliament debate on the responsibility of the Belgian police forces and of Interior Minister Charles-Ferdinand Nothomb in failing to foresee and prevent the May 29 riot at Brussels soccer stadium ended Saturday in a narrow vote of confidence for the government after Mr. Nothomb refused to resign, saying he had no responsibility in the drama.

"What happened Saturday in parliament is horrible," Mr. Gol said in the letter.

The vote of confidence was 109 against three and four abstentions, most of the opposition having left the house in protest.

Khmer Rouge will not insist on government role

BANGKOK (R) — Kampuchea's most powerful guerrilla faction, the Khmer Rouge, hinted for the first time Monday it could accept being left out of a future government if the six-and-a-half year war there could be ended peacefully.

The one-time rulers of Kampuchea proposed a nationalist coalition government led by Prince Norodom Sihanouk that could include the pro-Hanoi Heng Samrin government in Phnom Penh, according to a policy statement broadcast on Khmer Rouge Radio.

Diplomats here said it was the first time the Khmer Rouge had called for inclusion of Heng Samrin officials in a coalition government.

"In the future we still have the firm purpose to have the prince as our president. We welcome all nationalists to join with us, even if they have served Vietnam in the past — if they stop serving Vietnam. This will include the Heng Samrin party," the broadcast monitored here said.

The Khmer Rouge said it would

stand firm on these basic positions "even though in the future after general elections the (Khmer Rouge) may or may not be able to participate in the national government," the statement said.

The suggestion that it might stand aside from such a government appeared to be an assurance that the Khmer Rouge would not interfere in the holding of a national election.

The statement, dated July 6, envisaged a total Vietnamese troop pullout and an independent and neutral Kampuchea at peace with itself as well as with Vietnam. It insisted that no foreign bases be set up in Kampuchea.

Hanoi and the Phnom Penh government have refused all dealings with the Khmer Rouge and called for its elimination.

The Peking-backed Khmer Rouge, ousted by a Vietnamese invasion in December 1978, is widely held responsible for the deaths of hundreds of thousands of Kampuchians during its rule from 1975 to 1978.

Sunken radioactive cargo barrel reaches Denmark

COPENHAGEN (R) — An empty barrel from the French freighter Mont-Louis that sank with a radioactive nuclear cargo last year has been washed up on the west coast of Denmark, an official of the Danish Institute for Radioactive Hygiene has said.

He said the drum was marked in English "uranium hexafluoride, fissile radioactive material" with the serial number 45 and bore the name of the French firm Cogema, which was organising the Mont-Louis shipment to the Soviet Union.

The vessel sank with a cargo of 30 drums of uranium hexafluoride, a highly toxic pollution agent, after a collision on Aug. 25 last year with a passenger ferry off

the Belgian port of Ostend. Danish police cleared beaches after tourists found the barrel at Bjergsgaard in Jutland but the official said it was not radioactive.

The official said the Danish authorities would contact Cogema to confirm that a barrel was missing from the sunken ship.

"I have a picture of one of the empty containers picked up last year. It is the same type of container," he said.

A spokeswoman for the Greencape international ecology group in Paris said: "The barrel was empty as it was one of the drums which were due to be filled with enriched uranium in Riga in the Soviet Union."

Kenyan leader urges equality between sexes

NAIROBI, Kenya (AP) — President Daniel Arap Moi of Kenya, opening a mammoth conference capping the United Nations Decade For Women, declared Monday that the world cannot afford to slow down movement toward equality between the sexes.

"We have come along a way since the Mexico conference 10 years ago," Mr. Moi said, referring to the Mexico City gathering which launched the decade.

But he said it was for the benefit of "entire humanity" that efforts for equality, development and peace continue.

The moderate, pro-Western leader carefully avoided controversial political issues likely to rock the July 15-26 gathering of more than 3,000 official delegates from 120 countries.

"Differences of opinions are bound to arise," Mr. Moi said, adding that he hoped that issues important to women are not neglected as a result. He declared the conference open at 11.48 a.m. local time (0848 GMT).

"A start has been made and we cannot afford to slow down the momentum of a matter so crucial to the well-being of all mankind," the Kenyan leader said. "Our efforts to redress the plight of women have achieved less than what we had the ability to accomplish."

Delegates were joined by 11,000 observers and participants to non-governmental meetings who since July 10 have been discussing women's issues ranging from female circumcision to salaries for housework.

The audience exploded in spontaneous applause, lasting several minutes, when Mr. Moi said it was

"time we see women as a vital part of the human race."

Signs were clear that such divisive political issues as South African racism, the plight of Palestinian women in Israeli-occupied territory and the call for a new international economic order would stir heated debate.

The U.S. delegation, headed by Maureen Reagan, daughter of President Ronald Reagan, has tried to block discussion of the controversial topics, arguing they will take time away from "genuine concerns of women."

Third World and East Bloc nations argue that political questions are legitimate women's problems. They accuse the United States of trying to dictate the agenda to prevent the adoption of policies opposed by Washington.

Delegations still had not agreed on voting procedures, with the United States and most pro-Western nations urging adoption of resolutions by consensus. Third World countries, composing the single largest voting bloc, want passage by a simple majority at the July 15-26 gathering.

A survey released by the United Nations said that 62 countries have passed equal-pay-for-equal-work laws since the start of the women's decade, up from 28.

The composition of the U.S. delegation has been attacked as unrepresentative by U.S. Communist Angela Davis and Civil rights activist Aretta Scott King. However, the officially appointed delegation includes blacks, native Americans and Americans of Spanish or Latin American descent.

Seoul, Pyongyang agree on exchange visits

PANMUNJOM, Korea (R) — North and South Korea agreed Monday on September for the first exchange visits of family members separated by the 1950-53 Korean War.

Red Cross delegates meeting at Panmunjom border village also agreed that 300 family members from each side should take part in the initial exchange.

Disagreement cropped up over the place for the visits and the size of accompanying air troops.

South Korea has accepted North Korea's proposal to exchange visits by traditional Korean folk art troupes to commemorate the first exchange of visits by separated families, a gesture unprecedented in the history of divided Korea.

Both sides now agree that the folk troupes should accompany separated families crossing the

border. Pyongyang wanted to restrict visits to the two capitals, while the South wanted to include other cities. Seoul wanted to limit air troops to 100 members; The North wanted to allow 300.

Negotiators decided to meet again on Friday. Chief South Korean delegate Song Yong-Dae told reporters that if these issues could be settled full agreement was likely.

Mr. Song said another minor difference between the two sides was that Seoul wanted visitors to provide their own transport, whereas the North wanted the host to provide it.

Western diplomats in Seoul said the North and South appeared to have ironed out major differences for the exchanges to go ahead in September. They said the visits between 600



Shultz hits out at New Zealand at ANZUS talks with Hayden

CANBERRA (R) — U.S. Secretary of State George Shultz, without mentioning New Zealand directly, Monday hit out at Wellington's effective suspension of its participation in the three-member ANZUS military alliance.

Mr. Shultz said ANZUS and other Western alliances were in large part responsible for peace. "Once the will for common support disappears among us, the strength of our common values can yield to calculations of short-sighted individual advantage," he said.

"Accordingly, our adversaries seek to intimidate, hoping that the siren song of escapism will work its way," he added.

A senior U.S. official told reporters the day-long talks would concentrate on the security situation in the region and that the agenda was close to that of the annual ANZUS council which Monday's talks are replacing.

One topic expected to come up was a Soviet move to win fishing rights around the Pacific island of Kiribati, which Mr. Shultz told reporters on his way here was a problem.

The agreement would be the first that Moscow has signed with any South Pacific island state.

"It's a matter of general concern, not just U.S. concern that it might represent a further development of Soviet presence and

intrusion into areas where they haven't been before, and that's a problem," he said.

The U.S. official said the talks would also cover global issues, including the Middle East and Central America.

U.S. officials said that one bilateral problem certain to come up was Washington's new so-called agricultural bonus programme, under which the United States will give subsidies on exports to markets traditionally dominated by the European Community (EC).

They said that while the programme was aimed at the EC, which Washington accuses of massive export subsidies which undermine free trade, they were bound to affect Australia.

Particularly at risk were Australian wheat exports because the U.S. programme might cause a drop in world prices and the talks Monday would attempt to find a way of conducting the programme without doing so, the officials said.

In Wellington, New Zealand Prime Minister David Lange reacted to Mr. Shultz' comments by telling reporters New Zealand was "escaping nuclear warfare and isolation ourselves from the source of

Gorbachev reportedly plans Bonn visit

HAMBURG, West Germany (AP) — Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev probably will visit West Germany next year, a daily newspaper reported Monday.

The Bild newspaper, citing sources in the office of Chancellor Helmut Kohl, added that East German leader Erich Honecker will visit West Germany shortly after Mr. Gorbachev.

"Kremlin leader Gorbachev probably will come to the Federal Republic (West Germany) in the

spring of 1986, then also a little later German Democratic Republic (East German) head of state Honecker," Bild reported.

Officials in Mr. Kohl's office were not available to comment on the Bild newspaper report, secretaries told the Associated Press on Monday morning. The topic was expected to be raised later in the day during the government's regularly scheduled news conference.

Mr. Gorbachev and U.S. President Ronald Reagan are scheduled to hold a summit meeting this November in Geneva, Switzerland. The Soviet leader also is scheduled to meet this autumn with French President Francois Mitterrand.

Bild, published in the northern city of Hamburg, quoted a source close to Mr. Kohl as saying: "After the Gorbachev visit, nothing will be standing in the way of Honecker's trip."

Live Aid organiser is winning growing support

LONDON (AP) — A campaign to honour Geldof, the Irish-born organiser of the Live Aid concert for famine relief, is winning growing support.

The British Broadcasting Corp (BBC) said Sunday night that Saturday's rock extravaganza in London and Philadelphia has so far raised a total of about \$70 million in pledges for famine relief. The BBC screened the London end of the concert.

Belgian legislator Sissel Roenneck has written to the Nobel Peace Prize institute recommending Geldof for the prize because of his "unique effort to save suffering Africans."

Irish Prime Minister Garret Fitzgerald said Sunday that his government would endorse the proposal to award the Nobel peace prize to the Boomtown Rats singer.

British legislator Lord Tormey of the opposition Labour Party, meanwhile, has sponsored a House of Commons motion to support the Norwegian legislator's call.

"Geldof's campaign has succeeded where the bureaucrats have failed," Mr. Tormey said.

The London Times wrote Monday: "The extraordinarily successful blend of show-biz glamour and technology with popular idealism has already brought an international campaign to win the Nobel Peace Prize for Mr. Bob Geldof."

The British tabloid the Daily Star called Monday for Geldof to be awarded a knighthood by Queen Elizabeth II. It said Britain would appear foolish if it failed to match the Peace Prize recommendation with a top honour of its own.

Britain's biggest selling tabloid the Sun with a daily circulation of 4.1 million also recommended a knighthood. It said the title "Sir

Bob" would sound the right note. The Daily Mail reported that Geldof was being referred to as "saint Bob," and said some fans had stuffed £20 (\$27) bills into his pockets at the London concert.

Mrs. Thatcher wrote to Geldof: "Your efforts have been an example to young people in this country and throughout the world."

Geldof said Sunday: "This is not the end of the effort. It should push governments into doing something."

The outpouring of donations from the trans-Atlantic concert, beamed by satellite to some 160 nations and a potential audience of 1.5 billion people, exceeded the organizers' widest expectations.

In Ireland, the response of the tiny population of 3.5 million was a staggering 3 million Irish pounds (\$3 million).

But Philip Rusted, Live Aid's London accountant, said it will take days to calculate receipts in worldwide donations sale of satellite TV rights, ticket sales and other receipts.

He said the first supplies and funds resulting from the Live Aid concert could reach the African famine regions within six weeks. Rusted said he and Kevin Jenden, director of the Band Aid project that made the famine relief record Don't They Know It's Christmas? last year, will visit Sudan later this month.

Rusted said the budget will be decided according to the demands of the relief agencies. "The quicker you get the job done, the fewer people die," he said. The money will go to fund work in Sudan, Ethiopia and the sub-Saharan region.

He said the first task will be to set up a trucking operation backed by a comprehensive spare parts service for the whole of Sudan in cooperation with the Save the Children Fund, a British charity.



Prince Sultan T-shirts selling 'like hot cakes'

RIYADH, Saudi Arabia (AP) — Saudi Arabia's Prince Sultan bin Salman, nicknamed the "Space Prince," has become so popular among Saudi youths that T-shirts bearing his photographs were selling "like hot cakes," merchants here said Sunday. One Arab diplomat said that the prince's popularity here "is comparable with that of rock star Michael Jackson" in the United States. Jackson's records are officially banned in Saudi Arabia. "Young Saudis are buying the T-shirt like hot cakes," said Ahmad Asiri, a merchant. "Each is buying more than three shirts." Prince Sultan, the first Arab astronaut, has been accorded a hero's welcome across the kingdom since his return from the United States.

Fight continues against mayor's car

TEL AVIV (R) — Opponents of the purchase of a \$46,000 car for the official use of the mayor of Ramat Gan tried chaining it to a tree then resorted to petitions to force him to sell it. When that failed they tried another tactic — they put a sales notice in a newspaper listing the mayor's telephone numbers. Labour Party mayor Uri Amit filed a complaint with the police after his telephone rang all weekend. Likud Bloc opponents on the city council accused Amit of wasting taxpayers' money when he bought the white saloon several months ago. They said the car was extravagant at a time of drastic cuts in the municipal budget and services. The mayor says purchase of the car was authorised under his Likud predecessor. After the Labour-dominated Council voted last month to let the mayor keep the car Amit said: "When cabinet ministers sell theirs, I'll sell mine."

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Soviet drink laws broken 15,000 times in one month

MOSCOW (R) — Soviet Interior Minister Vitaly Fedorchuk said Monday police had recorded 15,000 violations of new drink laws in the month since they came into effect. In an interview with the Communist Party daily Pravda, Fedorchuk, who heads the country's police force, said the main offenders were sales people who continued to sell alcohol out of legal hours or in prohibited places. Under the laws, introduced by the Kremlin in June to combat rising alcoholism, alcohol sales were restricted to between 2 and 7 p.m. on working days and banned in public places or near places of work. Accompanying articles in Pravda, based on journalists' reports from provincial cities, said the laws were being broken because shops had to fulfil their part of an overall sales quota for food and drink. Fedorchuk said that unless alcohol profits were taken out of the overall sales plan there would be no improvement in enforcing the laws.

Icebreaker begins rescue of trapped ship

MOSCOW (R) — A Soviet icebreaker, sent across the world to rescue scientists and crew trapped aboard an ice-bound research ship, has begun smashing through the Antarctic ice towards its target. TASS News Agency said. Reporting from aboard the Vladivostok, a correspondent said the icebreaker had had a tough voyage during which high waves had swept away part of the cargo fastened on the deck. He did not say exactly what was lost. The Vladivostok set off from the Soviet Far Eastern port of the same name on June 10 to free the scientific research vessel Mikhail Somov from Antarctic pack ice.

GOREN BRIDGE

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THE TALE OF THE KING OF DIAMONDS

DEAR READERS: We have had many requests over the years for those hands we consider to be our favorites. That makes quite a list. For the time being, therefore, we are devoting the Sunday column to a series of famous hands. At the end of the series we will go back to our weekly question and answer column.

Both vulnerable, North deals.

NORTH

♠ K J 7 5 4

♥ K 3

♦ Q 10 9 7 3

♣ Q

EAST

♠ A 10 9 3 2

♥ A 5 3 2

♦ K 8 6 4 2

♣ A 5 2

SOUTH

♠ 8 6

♥ Q 10 9 7 6 4

♦ J

♣ A K J 4

The bidding:

North East South West

1 ♠ Double 2 ♣ Pass

3 ♠ Double 4 ♣ Pass

Pass Double Pass Pass

Opening lead: Queen of ♠.

The King of Diamonds did not take kindly to the attempt of the spot cards to stage a palace coup. "I am the king," he thundered. "If I must give my life so that the integrity of the throne is maintained, so be it."

The cause of his outburst was the Eight of Spades. The King of Diamonds had fought his way to the World Team Olympiad, and in his hands lay the fate of the contract.

"We report the bidding as we saw

it at the table," he continued. "Naturally, bidding books were being used. Our only comment is that West did not make a single error in the auction."

"Against four hearts doubled, my owner led the queen of spades. Declarer covered with the king and East won the ace. Now East's problem was: Did my owner have a singleton spade in which case a ruff would probably defeat the contract, or was it declarer who held a singleton, in which case the setting trick would have to come from a minor suit. Where was the Eight of Spades?"

"East found an elegant way to try to unravel the mystery. He led the ace of diamonds! He was relying on my owner to give him a signal that would clarify his holding."

"A lesser mortal might have followed with the eight of diamonds. However, my owner realized that that could steer his partner into an error. East might try to cash a second diamond, and declarer would be home free."

"For a moment, West was tempted to play a low diamond under the ace. But that, too, could have caused confusion — East might think that his partner wanted a club shift."

"That was when I was called upon to fulfill my royal duty. I was jettisoned under the ace."

"East could not mistake the message. He reverted to a spade, and our ruff was the decisive trick."

"Observe that it could cost too much to play me under the ace of diamonds. If East had a singleton diamond, declarer would have two. So after the spade ruff we would have scored a second diamond trick via a ruff."

With 22 per cent of the vote counted, Banzer's right-wing Nationalist Democratic Action Party was 20 points ahead of its nearest rival with 41.1 per cent, the radio said.

The radio, basing its report on a count given by electoral officials at mostly urban polling stations, showed the centrist National Revolutionary Movement (MNR) of Victor Paz Estenssoro in second place with 21.1 per cent.

The ruling Nationalist Revolutionary Movement — left of President Hernan Siles Zuazo was trailing in fourth place with 4.3 per cent, behind former Vice-President Jaime Paz Zamora's Movement of the Revolutionary Left, which had 10 per cent.

MNR spokesman Guillermo

Bedregal dismissed the trend as premature.

"When the rural vote is counted, the situation will change radically. Our prediction indicate a major turnaround," he told state television.

Unless a candidate wins more than 50 per cent of the vote, the final decision on Bolivia's next president will be taken by the next congress. It meets on Aug. 2 after official results are known and can choose between the first three of the 18 hopefuls.

The election itself was in doubt until the final day of the campaign, after Mr. Siles Zuazo sought a two-month postponement from Congress because of fraud and a failure to register almost 30 per cent of the 2.9 million electorate.

Despite allegations of double voting, and the failure to provide padlocks for ballot boxes at many polling stations in La Paz, voting took place without serious incident in the world's highest seat of government.